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Swan Harbor Farm  
401 Oakington Road  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

The main house at Swan Harbor Farm overlooks the Chesapeake Bay. It is shown on the Hauducoeur Map of 1795 as the home of J. Adlum. The house consists of many units including frame stucco and brick. Its brick unit is of English bond and represents one of the only two English bond brick structures known to exist in the County.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Swan Harbor Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Swan Harbor Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Oakington Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

W. John Kenney

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

78 Kalorama Road

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 364

Folio #: 4

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

AA 513

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	additions	DATE _____

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main house at Swan Harbor Farm overlooks the Chesapeake Bay and faces east. The house represents many different ages. All sections have an asphalt covered roof.

A small, one and one half story section located west of the largest area of the house, is considered to be one of this house's older units. Some alterations in this white stucco section have occurred-mainly the addition to its west wall of another room and a shed (both of frame). Foundations in this section are rubble stone but it is not known of what materials the walls are constructed. Attic ceilings and walls are plastered. Two gable front dormers are on both the north and south side of the roof. These each have two three light casement windows. Windows in this section are six lights over six. A large, very tall chimney is located in the center of this unit's roof. It originally serviced back-to-back fireplaces in this section. The "cooking" fire place has been walled up. The remaining fireplace has a moulded wood mantle and is flanked by built in book cases. A closet in the same room has HL hinges. Chair rails and wall cornices are also present in that room.

The next unit, moving east, is a two story, English bond brick section, three bays long. This has an outside corbeled brick chimney. The brick walls are white washed and have flat arches above windows. Windows have obviously been changed and are now two over two. These have paneled shutters. Inside, this section consists of one room on each level. A highly ornate fireplace is present on the north wall of the first floor room. Moulded trim includes foliated scrolls, wheat ear drops, and oval bead and reel. The upstairs fireplace is plain in comparison. Wall cornices are in the second floor room.

The third unit is also two stories high and the roof is flush with that of the second unit. This section is stucco-probably over masonry. A corbeled brick chimney is located on the south outside gable end. Another corbeled brick chimney is present at what is thought to be the opposite end of this unit. Both are stuccoed. Windows are six lights over six on the two southern bays, two lights over two on the northern bays. Modern louvered shutters are at these windows. No arches are visible. Doors through out this house have been altered or replaced. Most are dutch doors with the top part having four lights. A two tier, brick beased, glassed in porch covers the three northern bays.

The interior of this section is divided into two rooms on the first floor. The closed string stair is located in the south east corner of the north room. The winding stairway has a square newel, turned balusters, and pine treads. A fireplace is located on the north wall. The fireplace is brick lined and faced with marble. The north wall has two tiers of moulded paneling and a closet on the east side of the fireplace. This room has pegged, random plank, pine floors, chair rails, and wall cornices with dentiles.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Swan Harbor Farm is shown on the Hauducoeur Map of 1795 as J. Adlum's place. It shows a large rectangular house and two out buildings. The 1798 Tax Assessment lists John Adlum as owning 360 acres in Spesutia Lower Hundred. The main house included on this list was a two story part brick and part wood house measuring 61 by 20 feet. These measurements comes very close to those of the present house-60'5" by 20'5". The present house appears to be English bond brick on the north but the rest of the house certainly doesn't seem to be wood. It is thought, instead, to be either stone or brick under stucco. It is anybody's guess what happened here. One suggestion might be that the frame section burned and was replaced by a masonry section sometime after the 1814 tax assessment.

Information given in the 1798 Federal Tax List and on the Hauducoeur Map seems to indicate that the small, one and one half story structure added to west was not present at that time.

The house represents one of Harford County's tidewater plantations and is one of only two English Bond Brick structures known to exist in the County.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County, Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.  
 Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.  
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1783 Maryland Tax List  
 1798 Federal Tax List  
 1814 Maryland Tax List

Hauducœur Map of 1795

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 520 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Swan Harbor Farm is bounded by the Chesapeake Bay on the east, on the south by Bel Vue Farm.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		March 1977	
ORGANIZATION		DATE	
Historic District Commission		838-6000 ext. 207	
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE	
45 South Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN		STATE	
Bel Air		Maryland 21014	

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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The south room of this section also has pegged, random plank, pine floors. The room also has beaded cornices. A fireplace in the center of the south wall is framed by the fluted colonettes with Ionic capitals, and beaded architrave, frieze and mantle. South of this section are two new kitchen additions, a patio and a dining room.

Title Search  
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	364	4	11/9/1951	Grantor: Arthur C. Levering and Nancy B., wife Grantee: John W. Kenney Acreage: 520 acres
GCB	291	278	11/15/1945	Grantor: Gertrude E. Goldbeck, F. Joseph, husband executors of Henry A. Brehem Grantee: Arthur C. Levering
WSF	117	126	12/30/1905	Grantor: Sarah B. Henriques, widow Grantee: Henry A. Brehem
ALJ	39	79	4/12/1879	Grantor: Herman Stump, Jr. trustee Grantee: Joseph and Sarah B. Henriques Acreage: "Wilton Farm", Joseph Henriques, et al sold property to E. Hall Richardson guardian of Elizabeth R. Handesty because of an Equity Case.
ALJ	26	317	4/7/1879	Equity: J. Henry Greenway and Kate, wife complainants Joseph Henriques, and Sarah B., wife defendants
ALJ	31	385	4/14/1875	Grantor: E. Hall Richard, guardian of Elizabeth R. Hardestry Grantee: Joseph Henriques, et al
WSR	9	73	11/4/1868	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Jacob Hoke Grantee: "I bequeath my estate "Wilton" to my daughter Fanny Hoke". After my daughter's death, my other remaining two daughters, Kate Greenway and Sarah B. Henriques will divide my estate equally.
HD	20	203	11/3/1837	Grantor: Robert Gilmore Grantee: Maria L. Horner, et al Acreage: "Swan Harbour"
HD	1	483	11/23/1818	Grantor: Mark Pringle Grantee: Robert Gilmore, et al Acreage: "Swann Harbour" 505 acres

HD	1	118	6/14/1817	Grantor: John Green Grantee: Mark Pringle Acreage: "Swan Harbour"
HD	1	120	6/14/1817	Grantor: Mark Pringle Grantee: John Green Acreage: "Swan Harbour"
HD	Y	85	4/14/1814	Grantor: Peter Hoke Grantee: Mark Pringle Acreage: "Swan Harbor" 520 acres
HD	X	199	4/11/1813	Grantor: Samuel Hughes Grantee: Mark Pringle
JLG	N	315	1/23/1797	Grantor: Thomas Giles Grantee: John Adlum and Samuel Hughes
JLG	N	54	7/25/1797	Grantor: Samuel Hughes, et al Grantee: Thomas Giles Acreage: "Wilton"-450 acres, "Swan Harbor"-113 acres
JLG	L	254	6/10/1794	Grantor: Catherine Ridley Grantee: Samuel Hughes Acreage: "Wilton"-450 acres, "Swan Harbor"-113 acres
JLG	D	262	6/20/1782	Grantor: William Smith Grantee: Mathew Ridley Acreage: "Swan Harbor" and "Wilton"



INVENTORY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Swan Harbor Farm

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: east

NAME OF OWNER: W. John Lemmy *lives in Washington D.C.*

ADDRESS: 401 Oakington Rd 521 Acres

House de Grace, MD 21078

STORIES: 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ☐ FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- ☐ BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ☐ STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ☐ LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, MOULDED PANEL SHUTTERS: 1/1 ☐ 2/2 ☐ 6/6 ☐ 9/6 ☐ 9/9 ☐ other ☐  
pegged ☐ nailed ☐ wide ☐ narrow ☐  
original ☐ replaced ☐

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original ☐ replaced ☐  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original ☐ replaced ☐

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original ☐ replaced ☐

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed ☐ hip ☐ gable ☐

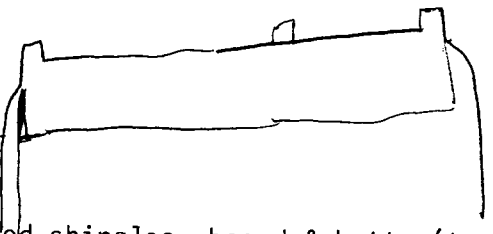
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK ☒ STONE ☐ CORBELED ☒ original ☐ replaced ☐  
LOCATION: in main section

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: flat brick arches in main section

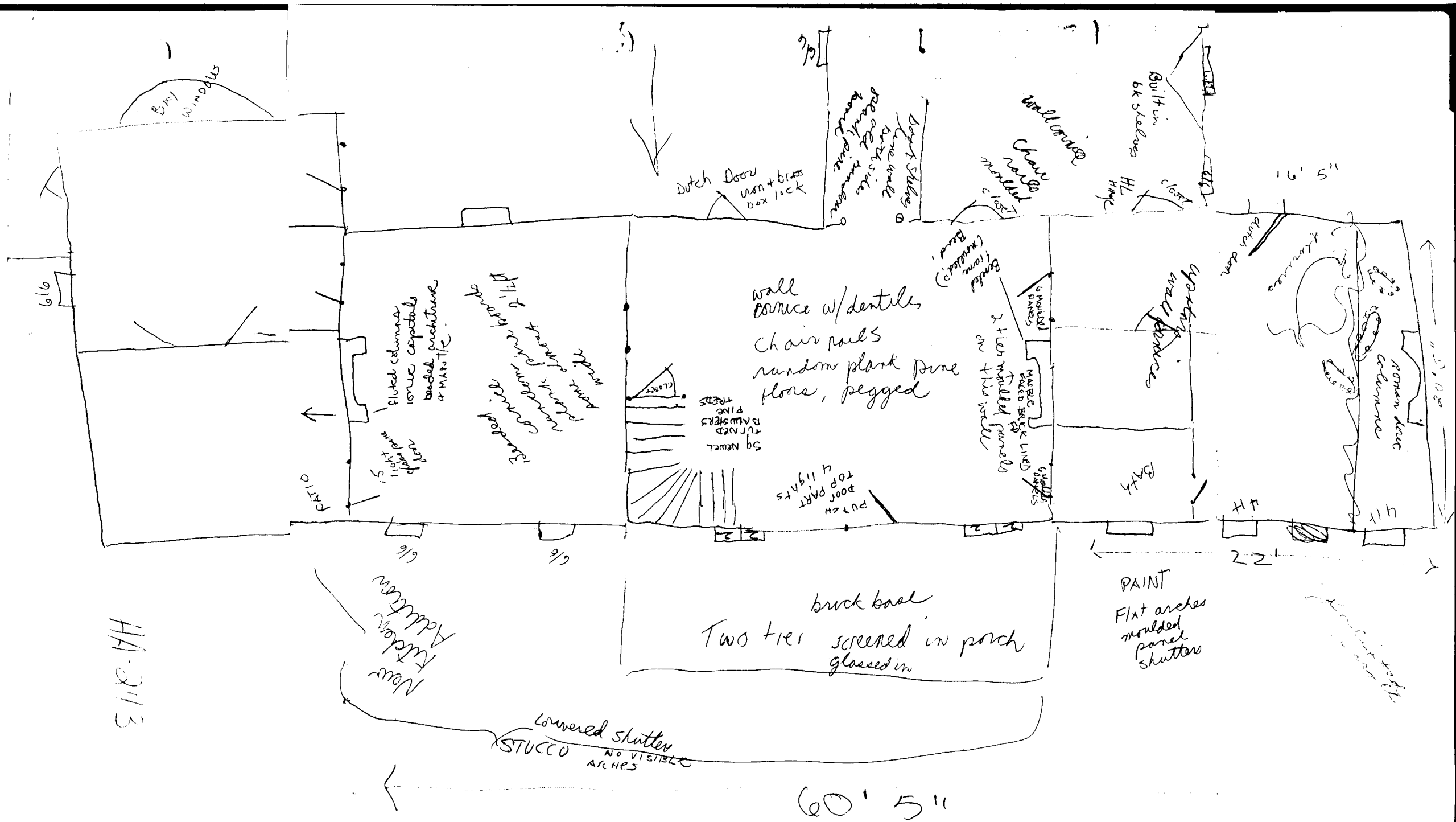
*many huge old elm  
down road*

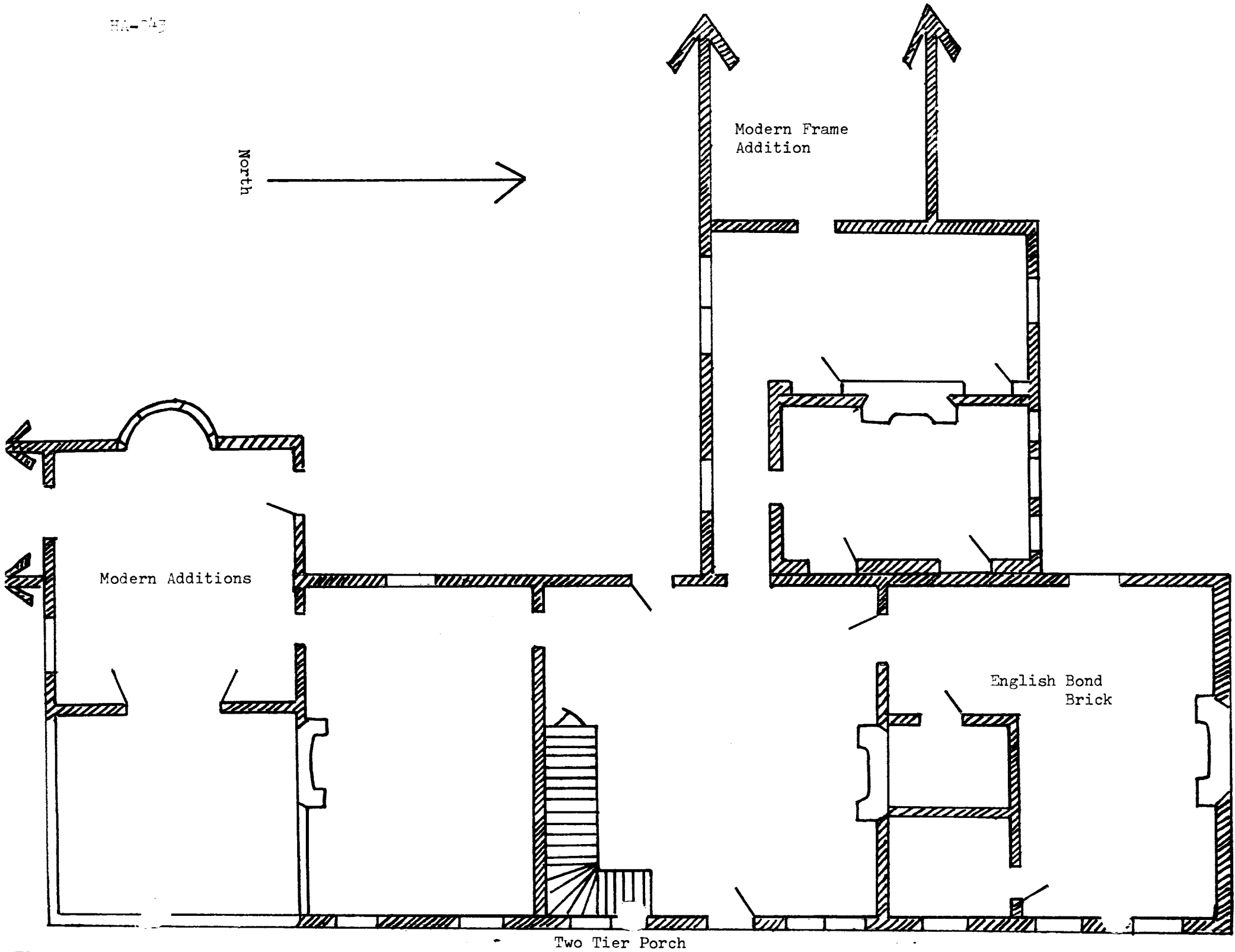
*New kitchen  
garage*



*other farm buildings include 2 houses (1930 era) built for workers, Manager's home prob.  
built around same time, modern guest house (brick, 1 story, hip roof), several vertical  
board barns & other farm buildings 3 cupolas slate roof.*









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Swan Harbor Farm  
Havre de Grace, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
East  
April, 1977

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Swan Harbor Farm  
Havre de Grace, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
Northwest  
April, 1977

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